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COLD CASE HOMICIDE ARREST

After more than a year of continued investigation, the Tucson Police Department Cold Case Unit was able to charge a suspect for the **death of Herlinda Pariseau, 50-years old**. On September 6, 2002, Ms. Pariseau was walking home from a convenience store in the area of East Fort Lowell Road and North Stone Avenue at approximately 12:30 a.m. A short while later, Ms. Pariseau was found by a passerby, who discovered that she had been stabbed. Ms. Pariseau unfortunately succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. At the time there was very little information for Homicide Unit detectives to conduct further investigation, and the case eventually went cold. However, in May of 2011, new information came to light and the investigation was re-initiated. Cold Case Unit detectives were able to develop a suspect identity based on the information. They identified the suspect as **Saul Virgen (37-years old)** and learned that he had been incarcerated by the Arizona Department of Corrections for an unrelated homicide. In cooperation with the Pima County Attorney's Office, an **arrest warrant for First Degree Murder** was obtained for Mr. Virgen on August 31, 2012. The warrant was ultimately served. On September 25, 2012, Mr. Virgen had his initial appearance and arraignment relating to this case. A photograph of Mr. Virgen is included below.

This case exemplifies the continuing commitment of the Tucson Police Department to follow-up on every possible lead in an effort to solve investigations. Cases can be solved when someone comes forward with information that they think is insignificant. As always, should you have any information regarding an incident, call **911 or 88-Crime**. Additionally, anonymous tips can be submitted utilizing the **TipSoft program** (for mobile phones and internet submissions).

